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April 23, 2021

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for an Advanced Manufacturing Training Program for Underserved Communities in fiscal year 2022. The entity to receive funding for this project is the University of Louisville, located at 2301 South 3rd Street Louisville, Kentucky 40292. UofL is proposing to establish the Robotics and Additive Manufacturing Pathways to Success (RAMPS) program to provide critical advanced manufacturing skills to future Heartland workers, targeting emerging technologies such as robotics, artificial intelligence, and 3D printing.

To address the shortage of labor in the skilled manufacturing sector and enhance employment opportunities for underrepresented groups, UofL would use this funding to establish the RAMPS program. The University will improve programs leading to industry recognized certifications and degrees. Accomplishing this goal will require a one-time federal investment to purchase equipment and instrumentation systems used for training programs and research. RAMPS will provide multiple pathways to completing related industry certified training and will empower manufacturers big and small to evaluate robotic, additive manufacturing and A.I. solutions and successfully apply the right solution to any given manufacturing process and operation. The on-going costs for this program will be funded from incremental student tuition and fee revenues.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Yarmuth".

Member of Congress
Date: April 23, 2021